THE GREATEST OF ALL MARVEL ROMANCES.

THE FIRST MEN IN THE MOON

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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Bedford and Gavor, two Englishmen, discover means of reaching the moon in a large glass sphere. They find that luminary a dead world during part of the time, and covered with fungoid growth at other periods. It is peopled by a semi-human race which Cavor calls Scienties. The Scienties capture the two adventurers and conduct them beneath the moon's surface, where the Scienties dwell. The prisoners escape, but are pursued, and engage in a running fight, wherein they kill many Scienties.

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CHAPTER XVII.

Into the Sunlight.

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the evaporation of the great fight into

COMING TO THE

MOON'S SURFACE,

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It did not seem to me that I had discovered the Selenites to be unexpectedly flimsy, but that I was unexpectedly

I leaped over the smashed and writh

ing bodies that were scattered about

the cavern floor and hurried on after

upon a sort of slanting gallery that

projected into a vast circular space, a

huge evilindrical pit running vertically

without any parapet or protection for a

"Come on!" I said, leading the way.

"But there?" said Cavor, and ver

I followed his example and craned for

ward and looked down, but I was dazzled by that gleam of light above and

I could see only a bottomless darkness

"This must be the shaft we looked down upon," said Cavor. "Under that lid."

"And below there is where we saw the lights."
"The lights!" said he, "Yes—the lights of the world that now we shall never see."

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"We'll come back," I said, for now we had escaped so much I was rashly sanguine that we should recover the sphere, His answer I did not catch.

"Eh?" I asked.

"It doesn't matter," he answered, and we hurried on in silence.

I suppose that sianting lateral way was four or five miles long, allowing for its curvature, and it ascended at a slope which would have made it almost impossibly steep on earth, but which one strode up easily under lunar conditions.

We saw only two Selenites during all that portion of our flight and directly when they became aware of us they ran headlong. It was clear lift the knowledge of our strength and violence had reached them.

Our way to the exterior was unexpectedly plain.

The spiral gallery straightened into a steeply ascendant tunnel, its floor bearing abundant traces of the mooncalves, and so straight and short in proportion to its vast arch that no part of it was absolutely dark.

Almost immediately it began to lighter, and then, far off and high up.

Round this pit the stanting gallery ran

Presently we saw that the cavern be-

little of exuitation.

strong. I laughed stupidly.

fore us opened on a hazy void. In another moment we had emerged

above into the rock again.

mallery.

This fantastic moon!

LOOKED down the cavern, and Selenite in sight.

and far away in the full blaze of the sun a drove of thom basked slumbor-ously, scattered shapes, each with a bid of shadow against it, like sheep on the side of a down.

We seemed to have come to our own province again, beneath the stars. All the fear and stress of our fight through the dim passages and fissures below had railen from us.

That his fight had filled us with an enormous confidence in ourselves as far as the Selenites were concerned.

We looked back almost incrediously at the black opening from which we had just emerged.

Down there it was, in a blue clow which now in our memories seemed the next thing to absolute darkness, that we had met with things like mad mockeries of men, helmet-headed creatures, and had walked in fear before thein and lind submitted to them until we could submit no longer,

and far away in the full blaze of the sun a drove of thom basked slumbor ously, scattered shapes, each with a blot of shadow against it, like sheep on the side of gown.

But never a sign of Selenite was to be seen.

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"If we were to set fire to all this stuff," I said, as we seated ourselves, we might find the sphere among the was peering under his hand at the stars, that still, in spite of the intense sunlight, were abundantly visible in the sky. "How long do you think we have been here?" he asked at last.

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and quite blindingly brilliant, appeared "Cavor!" I said, "what are they going its opening on the exterior, a slope of Alpine steepness surmounted by a creat of bayonet shrub, tall and broken down now and dry and dead, in spiky sli-

Algine steepness surmounted by a creat of bayonet shrub, tall and broken down now and dry and dead, in spiky slihouette against the sun.

And it is strange that we men to whom this very vegetation had seemed so weird and horrible a little time ago should now beheld it with the emotion a home-coming exile might feel at sight of his native land.

We welcomed even the rareness of the air which made us pant as we ran amd which rendered speaking no longer the easy thing it had been, but an effort to make one's self heard.

Larger grew the sunlit circle above us and larger, and all the nearer tunnel sank into a Fim of undistinguishable black. We saw the dead bayonet shrub no longer with any touch of green in it. But brown and dry and thick, and the shadow of its upper branches high out of sight made a densely interlaced pattern upon the tumbled rocks.

And at the immediate meuth of the tunnel was a wide trampled space where the mooncalves had come and gone.

We came out upon this space at last, into a light and heat that hit and pressed upon us.

We traversed the exposed area painfully, apd clambered up a slope among the scrub stems, panting, into a high place beneath the shadow of a mass of twisted lava. Even in the shadow of a mass of twisted lava. Even in the shadow of a mass of twisted lava. Even in the shadow of a mass of twisted lava. Even in the shadow of a mass of twisted lava. Even in the shadow of a mass of twisted lava. Even in the shadow of a mass of twisted lava. Even in the shadow of a mass of twisted lava. Even in the shadow of a mass of twisted lava. Even in the shadow of a shadow of a shadow of a mass of twisted lava. Even in the shadow of shadow against it, like sheep on the side of a down.

The air was intensely hot and we were in great physical discomfort, but for all that we were no longer in a nightmare.

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"Been where?"
"On the moon."

"I don't know. There it is!"

JOHN D. GERMON DEAD OF BLOOD POISONING.



JOHN D. GERMON

Well Known Actor Succumbs to Injuries Received in Accident on Stage.

of the old school and who has been the assistant stage manager of the American Theatre since its lease by Mr Greenwall, died at Roosevelt Hospital this morning of blood poisoning. He certain

was sixty-one years old and had beer at the hospital since Jan. 30. His death was expected. On that date he was playing a small

part in "Held by the Enemy" at the American and was carrying a magnesia lamp. It exploded and a small piece brass tubing entered his right foot and At first it was thought his life might be saved by the amputation of the foot, but so rapid was the spread of the poison that it had reached his stomach, when it was too late and his death was contain.

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Woman's Plea for the Little Animal.

woman a fireman risked his life this morning to save a pug dog that had been left behind when the owner was driven from her rooms by fire. The fire started about 6 o'clock in the four-story tenement-house at No. 30

fire. He awakened the tenants by ringthe park.

The cadet corps of the school, 460 strong, will parade past the City Hall this afternoon before the dedicatory services at 2 o'clock.

At the park site the school children will sing the national anthem, and Mayor Hoos and Lawyer Eugene W. Leake will deliver speeches.

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purple floating therein.
Yet if I could not see I could hear.
Out of this darkness came a sound, a sound like the angry hum one can hear if one puts one's ear outside a hive of bees, a sound out of that enormous hotlow, it might be four miles beneath our feet. ing as he held a prisoner charged with Truax handed down a decision in which spitting. Marion F. Wood, manager of the West restraining A. B. Sloane and the Au-India Company, of Nos. 9 and 15 Murray thors and Composers' Publishing Com-

"Almost immediately it began to lighten and then, far off and high up, and quite blindingly brilliant, appeared its opening on the

Somehow it reminded me then of one of those spiral turns of the railway through the St. Gothard.

It was all tremendously huge.
I can scarcely hope to convey to you the Titanic proportion of all that place the Titanic proportion of the Titanic prop

Our eyes followed up the vast declivity of the pit wall, and overhead and far above we beheld a round opening set with faint stars, and half of the lip about it well nigh blinding with the white light of the sun.

At that we cried aloud simultaneously "Come on!" I said most, "Ten days," I said; "that leaves—" I looked up at the sun for a moment, and then saw that it was halfway from the centre of the sent to the western edge of things, "Four days! Cavor, we mustn't sit here and dream. How do you think we may begin?"

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too weak to go to the rear platform when he had to expectorate. Wood was paroled to secure \$300 bail.

Composer Sloane Further Enjoined

In the Supreme Court to-day Justice he continues the temporary injunction bees, a sound out of that enormous hollow, it might be four miles beneath our feet.

I listened, then tightened my grip on my crowbar and led the way up the gailery.

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